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WAKEMAN RENEWS  
ATTACK ON GAGEFormer Official Says Sec-  
retary Knew of Frauds.

TALKS WITH MACVEAGH

Full Revelation to Be Made by  
Quondam Appraiser.Claiming Complete Inside History of  
Sugar Trust Scandal, W. F. Wake-  
man Reiterates Charges Against  
Former Secretary of Treasury.  
Weighers Unknown Quantities.  
Wickersham and MacVeagh Confer.

The most interesting development of the day in connection with the sugar fraud revelations was the presence in Washington yesterday of Wilbur F. Wakeman, former appraiser at the port of New York, who has asserted publicly that while serving in the appraiser's office he had discovered crookedness on the part of employees of the custom-house and representatives of the sugar trust and had laid his information before Lyman J. Gage, then Secretary of the Treasury.

He made an appointment to see Secretary MacVeagh at 3 o'clock. When he arrived at Mr. MacVeagh's office he was not kept waiting. They had a conversation lasting about an hour.

When Mr. Wakeman came out of the Secretary of the Treasury's office he declined at first to tell why he called on Mr. MacVeagh, but said finally that it was in regard to the appointment of an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. After a while, however, he admitted that the sugar inquiry was touched on.

**Knows Inside Story.**  
Mr. Wakeman said some other things, however, which did not pertain to his visit to the Secretary of the Treasury. He intimated, although he did not say so in terms, that he knew the inside story of the sugar scandal in all its details. He came into part of the information he had while he was appraiser of the port of New York, he said, and learned a good deal more about the operations of the sugar trust since he left the customs service, in 1904.

Mr. Wakeman was asked if he thought Leslie M. Shaw, when Secretary of the Treasury, had been alert in preventing depredations on the revenues by the sugar trust. "He did the best he could in the circumstances," answered Mr. Wakeman. "There were obstacles in the way."

Mr. Wakeman did not mince words in paying his respects to former Secretary of the Treasury Gage, who used the shorter and uglier word in characterizing Mr. Wakeman's charge that Mr. Gage asked Mr. Wakeman on one occasion to visit Mr. Havemeyer and tell the then head of the sugar trust that the government was in possession of facts reflecting on the integrity of the sugar company, and that prosecutions might be instituted if the company did not change its tactics. On this point Mr. Wakeman said:

"Mr. Gage denies that I went on this mission at his request. You will observe that my story is confirmed by Mr. Howell, a member of the board of general appraisers of New York, who served in the Treasury as assistant secretary in charge of customs."

"I will have more to say on this a little later. I made my charges against Mr. Gage advisedly. On the occasion in question, I did not visit Mr. Havemeyer alone. I was accompanied by a special agent of the treasury service."

Mr. Wakeman intimated that he had in his possession documentary evidence that Mr. Gage was cognizant of some of the crooked work.

**Has Documentary Evidence.**

Mr. Wakeman said that one of the first men to know of the frauds was George F. Cross, former supervising special agent, who gathered the evidence in the original Williamson cases. Mr. Wakeman said he knew who it is that furnished the information used as the basis of Mr. Cross' investigation, but he declined to name him. Cross is now at Buffalo. There are some people who believe his transfer from the port of New York was due in part at least to his activity in the sugar cases.

The opinion was expressed by Mr. Wakeman that the present inquiry into the customs service at New York would purify the service.

In connection with the allegations that the sugar trust had something to do with the appointment of civil service employees at the New York custom-house, it was said at the office of the United States Civil Service Commission that assistant weighers appointed under the civil service regulations had to take what was known as a second-grade examination, with the additional requirement that an applicant must have had one year's experience on beam scales.

But it was explained that this additional requirement had been in effect only since September 15 last, when an examination was held. Another thing said in the office of the commission was that in examinations of assistant weighers the commission knew nothing of the antecedents or character of applicants except that furnished by the applicants themselves.

**List Grows Larger.**

The list of employees of the New York custom-house known to be concerned in the conspiracy to cheat the revenues, or against whom there is pretty positive evidence that they were engaged in the conspiracy, is said to be startlingly large.

The Treasury Department has received a list of these persons, and it includes not only twenty-two assistant weighers who were appointed under civil service rules, but a good many other employees who did not have to pass civil service examinations.

Government officials, who have been working on the sugar trust cases, say

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## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia—  
Fair, colder to-day. To-morrow  
fair; light to moderate north-  
westerly winds.

## HERALD NEWS SUMMARY

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## TRUST KINDHEARTED.

Witness Testifies to Attitude of Du Ponts Toward Small Companies.  
New York, Nov. 17.—Gershon M. Peters, of Cincinnati, proved a valuable witness for the so-called powder trust at today's hearing in the suit of the government against the Du Pont Powder Company for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Under cross-examination, Mr. Peters testified in his dealings with the Du Ponts he always had found them ready to help out any small company as far as possible, and that the attitude of the Du Ponts was anything but oppressive or indicative of a desire to suppress any smaller company.

Murray Bailou, of Concord, Mass., said the Sullivan agreement between the powder companies in regard to sales was not in the nature of restraint or trade.

## DIPLOMAT'S COUSIN A SUICIDE.

Edward von Buelow Discovers His Wife to Be an Octopus.  
New Orleans, Nov. 17.—Edward von Buelow, a first cousin of Prince von Buelow, of Germany, committed suicide by jumping in the river because he was married to an octopus. He was arrested a week ago charged with violating the law which prohibits such relations between the races.

Von Buelow came to this country about twelve years ago, and in 1902 was married to a young woman who claimed to be a widow with two children. She was almost white, and the marriage was performed in Jefferson Parish.

Two children were born and the family lived in a quiet residential district and seemed happy. Neighborhood gossip finally led to an investigation and the disclosure that the woman was of negro extraction.

Von Buelow disappeared three days ago, and his body was found in the river just below the city this afternoon and identified. A note found on the body directed that it be turned over to his widow.

## COLD WAVE IN TOWN.

Winter's Breath Blows Strong and Steady, and Shivers Result.  
The weather man made another good guess for yesterday's weather. He said it would be "fair and cooler," adding there would be a drop of twenty degrees in the temperature last night. In both instances he made a bull's-eye shot.

Early last evening a brisk cold wind from the northwest struck the city. At midnight the weather was sufficiently cold to satisfy the most exacting, and winter underwear was donned by the wise.

## TWO NIGHT RIDERS INDICTED.

Trial Will Begin To-morrow at Union City, Tenn.

Union City, Tenn., Nov. 17.—Two more indictments were returned to-day in the night-riding cases. Fred Pinion was indicted for murder in the first degree and Ed Marshall for entering the premises of a private citizen in disguise.

Rice Pierce, chief counsel for the defense, did not file a plea of abatement this morning, as he stated he would, but instead said he hoped to be ready for trial by the time the jury was completed, whereupon Judge Jones ordered a panel of 250 men to appear in court Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Frank Behringer, the star witness for the State in the previous trials, will be brought here from Nashville Friday, and in all probability will be the first witness called by the State against Garrett Johnson and Arthur Clegg.

## LONGWORTH REPLIES TARTLY.

Says Author of Reflection on His Wife Was Drunk or Crazy.

Cincinnati, Nov. 17.—When Representative Nicholas Longworth's attention was called to-day to the story by a German woman in which his wife was described arrayed in scarlet riding habit, and smoking a big cigar, leading a cavalcade to the late Empress of Korea's grave, he said quietly, but emphatically:

"I know nothing about the book or author referred to, never heard of either before, but the writer of this specific article was either drunk or crazy, or both. That is the most charitable way of considering the matter. In no other way can I be induced to consider or refer to it."

## MISS WOOD TO FACE PLATT.

Declares She Will Prove Innocence of Charges in Perjury Case.

Julesburg, Colo., Nov. 17.—Mae C. Wood, who is charged with perjury in connection with her claims of being the wife of Senator Thomas C. Platt, announced to-day that she would start tonight for New York to face her aged accuser.

She declared she would prove her innocence of the perjury charges, demonstrating the authenticity of the marriage to the New York Senator. She says she had not been notified of the dismissal of the charges, but would start East at once, even though she felt too ill to travel.

## Catholic Church Dynamited.

Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 17.—An explosion of dynamite to-day destroyed the front of the new Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church at Clinton, in the coal fields near here.

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WATTERSON WANTS  
PRESS TO REFORM

"Marse Henry" Gives Advice  
to Newspaper Men.

## KNOCKS "YELLOW JOURNALISM"

Veteran Kentucky Editor Tells of  
the Improvement Needed in News-  
paper Making in His Address Be-  
fore Members of the Press Club.  
Says Reporters Are Detectives.

Reaching across a gulf of years and an even greater gulf of journalistic memories, Henry Watterson, "Kentuckian, sub," exemplar of the old school of newspaper making, most picturesque of all American editors still in harness, addressed the National Press Club last night, and administered sound advice to the younger members of his honored guild.

To hear Henry Watterson speak is to taste wine of a rare and ancient vintage. He does not live in the past, but he retains unimpaired the grace, the courtliness, the brilliancy of a period that has faded away under the pressure of twentieth century strenuousness. His alone remains of a famous line of editors who left an impression on American history.

## A Veteran's Message.

He brings a veteran's message. His words fall from his lips as the ripe fruit of a lifetime spent in unswerving devotion to his craft, and no man could be heard on the subject of modern newspaper ethics with greater pleasure or more profit. And Washington correspondents gathered around him last night as votaries around a shrine, and partook of a patriarch's wisdom.

He is the uncompromising foe of "yellow journalism," and does not hesitate to scorch it with the fire of his eloquence.

"The thing that most interests men just now," he said, "relates to our own profession, and ought to interest you, young men."

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## STETSON CASE ENDS.

Admonished Science Leader Returns to Her Home.

Boston, Nov. 17.—After spending eight hours in conference with directors of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, to-day Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, the "admonished" leader of the New York branch, left her hotel late this afternoon for the comfortable purpose of returning to her home in New York.

The departure of Mrs. Stetson appears to have closed the case.

To-day's session began at 9:30 o'clock this morning, as has been customary, and it was shortly after 6 o'clock to-night when the directors left the mother church. Mrs. Stetson had some lunch brought to her from outside about 1 o'clock, and an hour later there was a rumor in circulation that she had collapsed while answering questions.

She was led to an open window and lay back in her chair with her eyes closed while another woman fanned her vigorously. She recovered in about half an hour.

## MAY BE VICTIM OF FOOTPADS.

Tennis Player's Death Not an Accident, According to Citizens.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Was Krehl Collins, former Western tennis champion, murdered and his body put on the street car tracks? Mr. Collins' body was found last night on the tracks in Erie street, west of Franklin. It had been run over by a car and the police concluded that he had been accidental. Residents of the neighborhood heard two revolver shots about the time Collins was killed.

The general belief is that if he died from revolver wounds they were inflicted by hold-up men.

Mathew, Maelyn Arbuckle.

"The Circus Man." To-day, Columbia Theater. Prices, 50c to \$1.

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## ALDRICH MAY BE AN ELK.

Charles Dyer Norton, Assistant  
Secretary of the Treasury, who  
accompanied Senator Aldrich in  
his campaign of monetary educa-  
tion in the West, got back to  
Washington yesterday. Out in the  
Prairie States they had a story  
that Mr. Aldrich was a bad man  
with horns.

Lots of people came to see Mr. Aldrich to find out if the story was true. At Milwaukee, where Mr. Aldrich addressed a public meeting, one of the audience came forward to shake hands with the Rhode Island Senator. "You must be an Elk, Senator," said the man, according to Mr. Norton, "for I notice you've shed your horns."

## MRS. BIRD M'GUIRE DIVORCED

Wife of Oklahoma Representative  
Wins Suit.

"Best Dressed Woman in Wash-  
ington City" Based Her Petition  
on "Incompatibility."

Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 17.—Mrs. Anna Mattingly McGuire was late this evening granted a divorce from Bird Zeigle McGuire, member of Congress from Oklahoma for seven years, and one of the most prominent Republicans in the Democratic Southwest.

The petition was filed several weeks ago, but did not become known to the public until to-day. McGuire did not appear in court nor oppose the decree, which becomes absolute in six months, on the grounds of incompatibility. Both maintain no other reasons exist, and that no others were offered by either in court.

Mrs. McGuire, who designed her own wedding apparel, was always known while in Washington City, where she was also known as "Mrs. Oklahoma," a name given her by Mrs. George B. Cortelyou, following the inauguration of Oklahoma into Statehood. She ably assisted McGuire in his political campaigns and did much to secure his first nomination to Congress, writing over 4,000 personal letters to prominent Oklahoma Republicans in his behalf. The McGuires were married in Sedan, Kans., in 1894.

## MERGER NOT ILLEGAL.

President of A. T. & T. Co Explains  
Western Union Deal.

Boston, Nov. 17.—President Theodore N. Vail, of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, laughs at the idea of the government stepping in to interfere with the "working agreement" between the telephone and telegraph companies. "It is not a violation of law in letter and far from it in spirit," he said to a reporter, when shown dispatches telling today that the Federal government officials proposed to do.

"In the first place, there is no merger. Secondly, there is no monopoly, because the companies are not in the same business. One is a telephone company and the other a telegraph company. There is no restraint of trade. We don't propose to restrain trade. We propose to increase it."

The Federal authorities in Washington have had knowledge of the Western Union Telegraph and the American Telephone and Telegraph merger for six months. They have kept constantly advised as the plan has developed.

There is no indication in official circles of any immediate steps to enjoin the merger or to attack it in the courts, either in a civil or criminal action.

## AMBASSADOR REID IS HOST.

Gives Farewell Dinner to J. R. Carter, Retiring Secretary.

London, Nov. 17.—Ambassador Reid gave a farewell dinner to-night to John Ridgely Carter, retiring secretary of the American Embassy, who has been appointed United States Minister to the Balkan States, and Mrs. Carter on the eve of their departure for Bucharest.

The guests included the French, German, Austrian, and Spanish Ambassadors and Rumanian and Servian Ministers, foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey and Admiral Lord Charles Beaufort.

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## EPISCOPAL RECTOR A SUICIDE.

Rev. J. C. Hathaway Hangs Himself  
from Railroad Bridge.  
Maryville, Mo., Nov. 17.—The body of Rev. J. C. Hathaway, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, was found hanging to-day from a railroad bridge in the north-east part of the city.

No reason is known for his suicide unless he was dissatisfied with life. It was known he was ambitious, but was unable, because of the smallness of his congregation, to carry out plans he had in mind.

He left a wife, who is visiting relatives in Ohio, and an aged father, who made his home here.

## FATHER AND DAUGHTER SHOT.

Following Wordy Quarrel, Sons of  
Clergyman Fire on Planter.

Floyd, La., Nov. 17.—Clarence Compton, a wealthy planter, and his twelve-year-old daughter are dead as the result of a feud encounter, and Sylvester and Albert Owens, son of a clergyman, are in jail charged with the crime.

Albert Owens accused Compton of having said he had been forced to support Mrs. Owens' whole family since marrying her. Compton refused to retract and the brothers opened fire on him, emptying two shotguns and four revolvers. The daughter, who was near her father, fell dead at the first shot, and Mrs. Compton had a narrow escape.

"We didn't intend to shoot the girl," said Albert Owens. "She rushed in front of the old man."

## WHO OWES THE BILL?

Beverly Woman Wants Pay for Board  
Furnished White House Servants.

The legal talent of several executive departments has been utilized to decide the momentous question of paying a board bill owed by the government to Mrs. R. Wallace, of Beverly, Mass., who furnished board during the last summer for three servants employed at the summer White House.

Mrs. Wallace forwarded her bill to the White House. Fred W. Carpenter, Secretary to the President, transmitted the bill to Col. Spencer Cosby, superintendent of public buildings and grounds, who laid the legal problem involved before R. J. Tracewell, Comptroller of the Treasury. Mr. Carpenter suggested that the bill should be paid from the current appropriation for "care of the Executive Mansion."

Comptroller Tracewell decided that the board bill was a proper charge against the appropriation for "repairs, fuel, &c., Executive Mansion, 1910." "It appears," he said, "that the salary of the servants in question are paid from the appropriation, 'repairs, fuel, &c., Executive Mansion, 1910,' and I understand have been for a great many years."

## GIRL'S BODY FOUND.

Discovered in Abandoned Office.  
Finger Marks on Throat.

Milwaukee, Nov. 17.—The body of Helen Zinda, a pretty girl, fourteen years old, who had been missing from her home since Friday, was found to-day in an abandoned real estate office at North and Humboldt avenues.

Finger marks on her neck indicate she was strangled to death. After she had been killed she was placed in a sitting posture under a desk. Police are searching for two young men.

The real estate office, which is in a lonely section, had been entered by the window being pried open. Dust marks showed where the girl had been dragged across the floor.

One of the two chairs in the room showed marks of having been hurled against the wall, and it is believed that the girl struggled with her captors and used the chair as a weapon.

The disordered condition of the office showed that the girl had made a brave fight.

## PATTERSON IS LAID TO REST.

Deep Sorrow Marks Funeral Services  
of Washington Correspondent.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Chicago, Nov. 17.—Simplicity and deep sorrow marked the funeral services over the body of Raymond A. Patterson, late chief Washington correspondent of the Chicago Tribune.

Only the relatives and men who had been closely associated with Mr. Patterson in his newspaper career were present as the last words were said yesterday noon at the residence of John M. Egan, 70 Bellevue place. Rev. J. K. G. McCreary, president of the McCormick Theological Seminary, was in charge of the services, which were brief.

A passage from the Psalms and a prayer were followed by a short resume of Mr. Patterson's life work and a reflection upon the high standing in which he had been held by all who had been brought into contact with him during his life. The closing prayer was made by Rev. John N. Freeman, of the Fourth Presbyterian Church.

A quartet sang "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Nearer My God to Thee." The interment, which was private, followed at Graceland. The pallbearers were John A. Childs, Charles G. Dawes, Medill McCormick, James Keely, Edward S. Beck, and John Callan O'Loughlin. Floral offerings from Washington, Chicago, and from many other cities covered the casket.

## PELLAGRA CAUSES MURDER.

Wife of Well-known Planter Kills  
Postmaster Without Warning.

Memphis, Nov. 17.—A steadily growing case of melancholia brought on by a prolonged attack of rheumatism, complicated with pellagra, to-day caused Mrs. Henry Clark, wife of a well-known Bunton planter, to shoot and kill W. A. Dowda, postmaster at Bunton.

She engaged him in conversation as he was leaving, and, without warning, pulled a revolver and began to shoot. Mrs. Clark has been placed in jail with a nurse attending her.

## New Berth for Gen. Bingham.

New York, Nov. 17.—George McAneny, borough president, made it known through friends to-night that he is to appoint Gen. Theodore A. Bingham superintendent of public works in the borough president's office of Manhattan.

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COMMISSION PLAN  
IN DISTRICT RULE

Small Likelihood of Early  
Change by Congress.

## AUTHORITY IN ONE MAN

President May Reach End With-  
out Radical Alteration.

Speaker Cannon and Chairman Gallinger Said to Be Unalterably Opposed to Departure from Present System of Government—Legislation Regarded as Impossible Before the Resignations Become Effective.

The opinion is entertained in some quarters that President Taft, in his message to Congress, will recommend an amendment of the existing District law that will change the form of government by substituting a governor for the present Board of Commissioners at a salary of \$10,000 or \$12,000 per year.

If he should make this recommendation it would, no doubt, be coupled with a request to Congress that the desired legislation be enacted without delay in order that the change might become operative, if possible, with the taking effect of the two resignations now in his hands.

Although the opinion thus entertained is based upon surmise rather than any actual knowledge of the President's purpose in the premises, it is supported by the fact that a few months ago, when his mind was directed to District affairs, he was much disposed to favor such an alteration in the form of government.

**No Thought of Autocratic Power.**  
He had no thought of creating even a semblance of autocratic rule, but believed that one-man authority and responsibility would make for concentration and simplification, and perhaps better meet the needs and demands of the growing capital.

Owing to the divided authority and responsibility it has occurred more than once in the past that men of high standing and in position to serve the District, and whose services Presidents sought, were led to decline appointments.

It is said also that the President is not especially impressed with the idea of having an engineer officer of the army as a member of the board, though recognizing the high order of service rendered by the engineer commissioners.

How Congress would be disposed to do with such a recommendation, if made, is problematic. Many members of both the Senate and House—in fact, a majority—take only a passing and perfunctory interest in the detailed affairs of the District. They concern themselves with other things, while, of course, feeling a general pride in the development of the Capital.

**Would Meet Opposition.**  
But there are Senators and Representatives—Speaker Cannon and Chairman Gallinger, for example—who keep constantly in touch with the District, who are most potential when legislation affecting it is pending, who believe in the present form of government, and would, no doubt, stand out resolutely against a change—certainly a change that seemed in the least radical or tending to invite the possibility of a return to conditions which marked former experiments here.

They recognize that the commission plan is not without its defects, like all other systems but the almost complete freedom from graft and corruption, and the remarkable progress the city has made serve as an unanswerable argument in their minds against any change whatever. Even those who agree with the President that concentration of authority and responsibility is desirable, are reluctant to see the existing state of affairs disturbed lest undue legislation be enacted and retard the splendid progress the Capital has made under the present system.

**Possibly a Commissioner General.**  
It is suggested by some of those who sympathize in a degree with the President's idea, but who oppose the overturning of the present system, that he might reach the end he desires in a simple manner, devoid of danger, by asking Congress to increase the salary of the president of the Board of District Commissioners and give him the title of Commissioner General. This would carry with it a recognition of that official as the real head of the District government and he would be looked to by the President and Congress to carry out their policies. His two colleagues would be charged with supervision and control of district matters.

He District government, for the time being, would be a Commissioner General, and the responsibility of the District would be placed upon his shoulders. It is suggested by some of those who sympathize in a